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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Written Ex Parte Presentation -
(CC Docket No. 96-160)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Puerto Rico Telephone Company ("PRTC") hereby gives notice of a written ex parte presentation in the above-referenced proceeding. The presentation was made in the form of the attached letter.

PRTC's presentation was provided in response to a request by Carol Canteen of the Common Carrier Bureau.

Two copies of the letter are submitted with this letter pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1).

Sincerely,



Tina M. Pidgeon

Enclosures

cc: Carol Canteen

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Ms. Carol C. Canteen
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, N.W., Room 514
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: VEIS Investigation (CC Docket No. 96-160)

Dear Ms. Canteen:

On behalf of the Puerto Rico Telephone Company ("PRTC"), I am writing to respond to several questions you have posed related to the above-referenced proceeding.

1. On the Chart I of PRTC's TRP, the direct cost for the DS-1 cross-connect function is listed as \$14.61. This figure is comprised of depreciation, cost of capital, federal income tax, and maintenance expenses.

Chart V shows the total monthly recurring direct unit cost for the DS-1 cross connect function as \$20.76. In addition to the costs listed above, this figure also includes loading factors for other taxes and administrative expenses.

2. Section 18.4(B), page 18-16, states:

In addition to Cross-Connect services rates and charges other monthly and nonrecurring charges as specified in Section 6, Switched Access Service and Section 7, Special Access Service may also apply.

This language gives notice to a customer purchasing VEIS that the additional purchase of switched and/or special access services will be subject to any nonrecurring charges set forth in Section 6 (for switched access) and/or Section 7 (for special access).

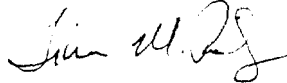
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3. PRTC provided information in its TRP charts for the cross-connect, entrance, and equipment installation (cable) functions. The other functions (provisioning, termination, maintenance and repair, and technician training) would be provided to a customer on an ICB basis. No party has requested VEIS from PRTC, and it does not have experience in providing this service from which to develop direct costs for these functions.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding the information provided.

Sincerely,



Tina M. Pidgeon

cc: Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
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